

From: egrape@att.net
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 10:25 PM
Subject: Please Act to Stop Media Monopolies

Senator John McCain
U.S. Senate
241 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator McCain,

I urge you to tell the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) not to weaken the rules that help preserve competition and diversity among the owners of America's newspapers, radio and TV stations.

As you know, the FCC is reviewing rules currently for media ownership and is likely to allow big corporations to dominate ownership of media in a particular city or town. If that happens, one company may be allowed to own the local newspaper, several TV and radio stations and the cable TV system in the same community. There would be fewer owners of networks, stations and newspapers nationwide.

Media ownership would be concentrated among fewer companies and the public's ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints would be compromised. Plus, it likely would result in higher costs for businesses that advertise in local media, and those costs likely would be passed onto consumers.

The FCC is expected to vote on whether to change the rules on June 2. The public comments submitted to the FCC by individuals have been opposed to media consolidation overwhelmingly. Americans understand that the public interest is not being served by deregulation that reduces competition.

Please tell the FCC to reinstate its traditional media ownership rules for the sake of competition and democracy.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Eric Grape
2121 Harrison Ave, Apt I-7
Panama City, Florida 32405

cc:

Senator Bob Graham
Representative Allen Boyd
Senator Ernest Hollings
Senator Bill Nelson
FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell
FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy
FCC Commissioner Michael J. Copps
FCC Commissioner Kevin J. Martin
FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein

From: cfigure02@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 10:25 PM
Subject: Oppose media deregulation and demand public hearings

Dear FCC Commissioners and Chairman Powell,

cc: my members of Congress

I urge you to vote to protect the public interest by dropping the FCC's plans to end critical safeguards designed to ensure diversity of media ownership and to delay the unnecessarily rushed vote on media ownership scheduled for June 2nd.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Figueroa
19261 SW 93rd Road
Miami, FL 33157

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From: r_abadie@hotmail.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 10:28 PM
Subject: Don't Clear-Chanelize Our News Media

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Dear Senator McCain,

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Please force the FCC to reinstate its traditional media ownership rules for the sake of competition and democracy.

I urge you to use one of the methods open to you as a Senator to prevent this disaster for our democracy

Thank you.

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Rebecca Abadie
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Please take whatever action you can to preserve this diversity. This issue is far too important to leave in the hands of the FCC commissioners. I really think they blew it!

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From: EnidRtiger@aol.com
To: Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 10:31 PM
Subject: THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU SPECIAL FOLKS DID...

re that disasterous vote!

We Winter Patriots appreciate your efforts to try to do a "holding action" against the Juggernaught.

Many of us are in complete despair over the insidious, well-planned, gradual erosion of the liberties we have benefitted from, for so long.

This 80 year old will not numb her mind with media fare that is likely to be foisted on us, increasingly. There are books, tapes, CDs, and citizens who think for themselves to explore...

May Your Tribe Increase! We "underpups" need you.

Enid R. Williams, R.N., Ed.D.

From: gerilyn45@hotmail.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 10:32 PM
Subject: Please oppose media deregulation and demand public hearings

Dear Chairman Powell,

cc: FCC Commissioners
cc: Sen. Wyden

I urge you to vote to protect the public interest by dropping the FCC's plans to end critical safeguards designed to ensure diversity of media ownership and to ensure that there are public hearings to discuss how such proposals will affect Oregon and the nation.

Sincerely,
JoAnn Uhler
17885 Gerilyn Ct.
Sandy, OR 97055

From: Diane Trolin
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 11:53 PM
Subject: Media deregulation

Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy
Federal Communications Commission

Dear Commissioner Abernathy:

We are writing to voice our strong opposition to further media deregulation and to ask that you vote against further deregulation and for the return of the fairness act. For democracy to be strong we need an informed citizenry, and that means having access to fair and balanced information from a wide diversity of sources. Healthy competition, not monopoly, is basic to democracy -- and in no realm is competition and diversity more important in our times than in the media. This is not just a "liberal" concern or just a "conservative" concern. People on both sides of the political table see the potentially devastating effects of further media deregulation and consolidation of ownership. Though media companies would have you believe otherwise, they have proven that they will not balance themselves in the views they present. Please examine this issue thoughtfully and vote for a strong democracy.

Thank you for your consideration on this.
Clif and Diane Trolin
82085 Hanna Rd.
Dexter, OR 97431

From: Raymond P. Pekich
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 12:01 AM
Subject: Media Ownership Regulations

Dear Commissioner Abernathy:

I am deeply concerned that you have set a June 2 deadline for submitting new regulations on media ownership. Media consolidation is a threat to the free flow of information and ideas, and it is wrong to issue new rules without giving the public an opportunity to review and discuss specific proposed regulations. An issue this important needs more debate and discussion. Please do not stifle debate on this issue.

Raymond Pekich

Pittsburgh, PA

From: maureen davis
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, jadel@fcc.govste
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 12:05 AM
Subject: FCC vote on monopolies!

In this day and age of breaking up Microsoft and several other large corporations, I can't begin to understand why you would be considering loosening the restrictions which are helping to prevent a single monopoly gaining almost the whole market of television. Please reconsider and leave some local control and flavor in the few stations still brave enough to want to maintain control and to lend a bit of color to the scene. Please reconsider this need for variety and community.

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From: James White
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 12:05 AM
Subject: airwaves

please vote against any change in the airwaves rules. leave them as is.

From: Daniel Zepeda
To: KM KJMWEB, Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 12:06 AM
Subject: Fw: Media Ownership Rules

----- Original Message -----

From: <figtree@csinternet.net>
To: <kjmweb@fcc.gov>; <mpowell@fcc.gov>; <kabernat@fcc.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 30, 2003 8:15 AM
Subject: Media Ownership Rules

> Dear FCC Chairman Michael Powell, and Commissioners Kathleen Abernathy and Kevin Martin. Before you vote on June 2nd to loosen media ownership rules, please take a moment to consider what effect such a move will have on program content.

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> As A parent and concerned tax payer I have found that television is a powerful tool that can educate for good or for bad depending upon those that are given power to decide the programing. As a tax payer I urge that the FCC not allow further deregulation.

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> We know that television can be profoundly influential in the lives of innocent young children. It affects their perceptions, their world-view, their attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors. It is also a sad reality that children spend more time with the television than at any other activity except sleep. But huge mega-conglomerates aren't going to be concerned about how the programming they are putting on TV influences these impressionable youngsters. -They're only going to be looking at their profit margins.

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> Further deregulation will not mean greater opportunity for competition. Rather, it will mean the opposite: More control of the airwaves by the few, with even less accountability to the market than they demonstrate today.

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> The concept of community standards is alien to the suits in New York. Their bottom-line programming philosophy means bottom-of-the-barrel programming, and quality be hanged.

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> Locally-based station owners know better than network executives in New York and Los Angeles what is best for their communities.

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> I urge you to fully consider what is truly in the public's best interest, as opposed to what is in the best interest of a hand-full of major conglomerates. Please do not relax the media ownership rules.

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> Sincerely,

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> Daniel Zepeda

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From: John Shumaker
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 12:11 AM
Subject: NO to FCC's proposed elimination of FCC Protections

Dear Commissioner Abernathy,

As a concerned citizen I am writing you to say NO to FCC's proposed elimination of FCC protections against :

- *Newspaper/Broadcast Cross-Ownership in same market
- *National Broadcast Ownership Cap [one owner for 35%of media market]
- *Local Radio Ownership Rule [8 or less in single area]
- *Duopoly Rule [limits two TV in area]
- *Dual Network Rule [bars majors -- ABC, CBS, Fox, NBC -- merges]

and I STRONGLY URGE you do the same,

Sincerely,

John Shumaker

From: heineman@mail.utexas.edu
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, heineman@mail.utexas.edu
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 12:12 AM
Subject: Please don't supersize mediums

Dear Commissioners,

I seldom bother to write to protest governmental changes. I am politically apathetic as a rule. However, I feel very strongly about this decision. If anything, the media is already in the hands of too few people. Clear Channel is a telling example of the sort of banality that can result when the media is controlled by one organization, and that is only a single media, of a sort that lacks the sway of television and the newspapers in swaying public opinion. The free press is a vital part of democracy, and risking it is absurd.

I'm no conspiracy theorist, and I think anyone who thinks that the consolidation of the media is a conspiracy is pretty much an idiot. Most people aren't evil. And I'm sure that all of you think you're doing the right thing. But freedom is, as they say, always on the edge of a slippery slope. America is the greatest democracy the world has ever known. And it is strong, strong enough that it won't be this generation that sees us fall prey to despotism, or even the next. But every political decision that limits diversity of opinion, every act of censorship, either legal or corporate, weakens us, and even America can only take so many hits before it falls.

I know that you don't read all the crap you get in the email. I know that even if you read this, my opinion wouldn't matter one whit to you...you already know all the facts much better than me. I even know that if I somehow did change anyone's mind, they would still probably vote the way they had said, because nobody wants to say they'll vote one thing, then vote another. That's downright rude, and nobody in Washington wants to be rude. So I know there's no real point to this email.

I just want to be able to say, "I told you so," seventy years from now.

Sincerely,
Rick Heineman

From: Joe & Angie Johnson
To: Kathleen Abernathy, Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 12:18 AM
Subject: Fw: Proposed FCC Rules Changes

FYI-

----- Original Message -----

From: Joe & Angie Johnson
To: wam@cnn.com
Sent: Saturday, May 31, 2003 8:03 AM
Subject: Proposed FCC Rules Changes

Regarding subject changes governing single company ownership of local TV/radio stations, newspapers, and cable providers, please know I consider this easing of limitations to be at odds with serving the best interest of the general public.

In all likelihood, it would facilitate increased cost to the consumer with reduced service options to the user! We all know that the "profit above all else" power grabbers are out there, and isn't the primary function of the FCC, regarding the media, based on serving the American people and not profit concerns of media conglomerates!? Could it be that the three republican FCC commissioners are more concerned with political interest verses the public interest- DUH !! Thank you, Joseph in Michigan

From: Paul Glover
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 12:35 AM
Subject: FCC rules vote on June 3

I am opposed to changing the rules to allow increase in size and number of stations that can be controlled by a larger corporation. It is simply undemocratic, and wrong.

From: shirley Lens
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 12:40 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

shirley Lens (bernafnk@aol.com) writes:

Dear Commissioner:

I depend on alternative sources of information to know what goes on both at home and in the world. When there are fewer independent newspapers, radio and TV sources available, that dries up my valuable independent information.

Please do not allow a few large media owners to dry up my sources of information access -- which the FCC is about to consider. (Many of these monopolistic big business media have not even reported the coming FCC agenda!! -- I wonder why!!)

Sincerely, Mrs. Shirley Lens, 6216 Estates Drive, Oakland CA 94611

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From: Mark Lees
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 12:43 AM
Subject: relaxing fcc rules

May 31, 2003

Dear Commissioner Abernathy:

Below is the text of a letter sent to Chairman Michael Powell. I think it would apply to all members of the FCC.

May 31, 2003

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am hoping this will reach you before you make any ill-advised decision on relaxing the rules for media control of both newspapers and television and/or radio stations. I would like to remind you that you are in a public office, and as such you are supposed to be looking out for the public interest, not that of corporate interests. Your cavalier attitude is not appreciated. Friday evening my wife and I were watching the evening news and heard that although your office has been flooded with letters and e-mails opposing your stance, you are ignoring them. That is an arrogance that has no place in a public position.

You state that there are more ways to get information now. If by more you mean the Internet, that may be true, but not everyone has access to the Internet. Many people still rely on newspapers, television and radio to get their information. It's bad enough now, with fewer companies controlling more of what we as citizens read or hear. This is extremely dangerous for a democratic society. We need to be properly informed, not propagandized.

The newspapers are a private entity using their own means of distribution. Radio and television stations, however, use public airwaves. I repeat, public airwaves. They are licensed by the FCC to operate in the public interest. Sadly, few of them really do and the FCC is really impotent in doing much about it. Either that or it doesn't care. It's amazing how many agencies which are supposed to be operating in the public interest instead are merely foxes guarding the chicken coop. We have the same non-public service from our California Public Utilities Commission. They act in the interest of the utilities, not the public.

Chairman Powell, I hope you will come to your senses and vote not to relax restrictions on multi-media ownership in a given area. It's bad enough in Southern California to see the owners of the Chicago Tribune own both the Los Angeles Times and television station KTLA. We need more diversity, not less, in our media. Some, such as Fox, even have the audacity to claim "fair and balanced" news. That's a joke considering the slant of many of their on-camera people.

Should you decide to continue putting the desires of the corporate

interests above your responsibility to protect public airwaves, I will certainly be contacting my representatives in Congress to see what can be done to remove you from your position. I will also contact as many friends and family members around the country as possible and ask them to do the same and spread the word. Any public official who thumbs his nose at the public he is supposed to protect should not be holding any public position. That makes a mockery of the term "public service."

Sincerely,

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From: Barbie Deutsch
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 12:45 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Barbie Deutsch (lady-go-blue@cox.net) writes:

Dear Commissioner Adelstein,
Thank you very much for all you have done to bring the media issue to the public. I hope that all of the messages sent to the FCC will do some good. We, the average folks out here, are totally against what Chairman Powell is proposing. We are proud of you!

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From: Skippybkroo@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 12:47 AM
Subject: don't change the consolidation rules

madame,

i fear the elimination of rules against consolidated ownership of media would endanger diversity in speech and ideas in america.

i urge you not to change the current rules.

gil christner
american citizen

From: Erik Thomassen
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 1, 2003 12:57 AM
Subject: Rules change

Your pretty little guide, "About the FCC: A Consumer Guide..." states in its introduction (p. 3), "The Commission realizes that to serve you well we must be efficient, effective, and responsive." I draw your attention to the last word.

The outpouring of opinion that has greeted the emergence of the semi-stealthed proposed rules change on media ownership is a clear indication that if you (individually and collectively) intend to adhere to your purported mission statement, the proposal should be reopened to public comment rather than rammed through